What the Commission knew about the JFK Autopsy HW 5/17/77

That it pretended it did not know

From a Secret Service record otherwise captioned.

Tom Kelley had told me that he, personally, was part of the showing of the X-ray films to the Commission staff.

On April 16,1964 he drafted a memo for Rowley's signature. It begins by going into the testimony the Commission planned tp take from named agents.

The final graf says he personally arranged for an X-ray viewing box at the Commission's request, that they wanted two for 9 a.m. April21, and that he, Kelley, arranged for this with Boswell at the Bethesda hospital.

Kelley designated SA Morgan Gies to pick these boxes up on April 20.

Geis was then to deliver these boxes to the 4th floor of the Commission's offices and to return them to Bethesda after they were used on 4/21.

The Bethesda doctors testified April 15 or 16, so it would appear that the Commission was shook up a bit.

It appears from the memo that Kelley expected the boxes to be used at a hearing. This is not certain but is a fair interpretation of his closing words about what Gies is to do,"returning them to the Bethesda Naval Hospital at the conclusion of the hearings on April 21."

My copy Kelley's Rowley memo filed Autopsy, Pictures, X-rays.